



## Ken Sauer, Ph.D.

Dr. Sauer has been with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education since 1985 and holds the position of Senior Associate Commissioner for Research and Academic Affairs. His duties as chief academic officer for the Commission include:

- Making recommendations on proposals for new degree programs
- Reviewing existing degree programs
- Analyzing programs with few graduates or low enrollments
- Overseeing Commission student data systems
- Representing the Commission with various external constituencies, such as the General Assembly
- Collaborating with other units of state government on inter-agency projects
- Undertaking applied research and policy studies

While at the Commission, he has been closely associated with a number of special state-level initiatives, including:

- Indiana e-Transcript Initiative
- Formulation of dual credit policy
- Development and implementation of Indiana's comprehensive community college system
- Transfer Indiana Initiative, including working with the Statewide Transfer and Articulation Committee (STAC), and funding and implementation of a statewide transfer web site
- Agreement on the future directions of IU and Purdue regional campuses
- Indiana's strategic directions framework for policy and planning development in higher education.

Dr. Sauer also is a Commissioner with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC, pronounced "mek"), and serves as chair of the MHEC Student Access Advisory Committee. He also serves on the governing board of the Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education.

Prior to joining the Commission, he served with the Illinois Board of Higher Education (1980-1985) and the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS, pronounced "N-chems") in Boulder, Colorado (1975-1980). While at NCHEMS, Dr. Sauer developed a classification system that is still used annually by all colleges and universities in the United States for reporting degree data to the federal government, *Classification of Instructional Programs* (CIP codes). He also developed a projection model that was used for many years by the U.S. Secretary of Health for periodically reporting data on nursing supply and demand to the President and Congress.

Dr. Sauer earned his Ph.D. in International Relations/Government from the Claremont Graduate University and his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from St. John Fisher College. Between college and graduate school, he served as a Peace Corps Volunteer on the island of St. Kitts in the West Indies.